

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, as all current methods of receiving the content would not be allowed to replay that content to another recording device for media conversion, an important part of fair use and of innovation in media storage and playback technologies.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Of course. DTV content can already be sent in this way, but with broadcast flag control, all the existing equipment would be rendered invalid and all the money spent on creating such innovative equipment will be made unusable.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes, the broadcast flag requirement would make current VCRs, PVRs, cable boxes, satellite recieivers, and all other existing AV equipment to be unable to offer broadcast content to new recording devices for recording.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes, the requirment of a broadcast flag would limit the research and development of broadcast technologies on the internet that are the most important area of broadcasting research.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Yes, as a designer of consumer recording equipment, the redesign cost will be enormous, as current technologies will be rendered unusable.